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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/812,157
Filing Date	March 19, 2001
First Named Inventor	Eugene P. Marsh
Group Art Unit	2823
Examiner Name	J. Maldonado
Attorney Docket Number	150.00930102

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Petition of Extension of Time (1 pg.)

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2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 13-4895
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) 03/24/2003 AHONDAF1 00000042 09812157
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:1801 750.00 OP
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$750.00, 110.00, 102.00 enclosed (RCE, Extension of Time, and claims fee).
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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Group Art Unit: 2823

Serial No.: 09/812,157

Examiner: J. Maldonado

Filed: March 19, 2001

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Title: METHODS FOR PATTERNING METAL LAYERS FOR USE WITH FORMING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES

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We are transmitting the following documents along with this Transmittal Sheet (which is submitted in triplicate):

- ☒ An itemized return postcard.
☒ A Petition for Extension of Time for 1 month(s) and a check in the amount of \$110.00 for the required fee.
☒ A check in the amount of \$750.00, for Request for Continued Examination Fee.
☒ A check in the amount of \$102.00 for Additional Claims Fee;
☒ Other: Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal (1 pg.)
☒ Amendment and Response (7 pgs.) ☐ No Additional fee is required. ☒ The fee has been calculated as shown:

Fee Calculation for Claims Pending After Amendment					
	Pending Claims after Amendment (1)	Claims Paid for Earlier (2)	Number of Additional Claims (1-2)	Cost per Additional Claim	Additional Fees Required
Total Claims	50	49	1	x \$18 =	\$18
Independent Claims	8	7	1	x \$84 =	\$84
One or More New Multiple Dependent Claims Presented? If Yes, Add \$280 Here →					0
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